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SUBJ: AGREEMENT FOR SPECIAL US CONTRIBUTION

REF: STATE 145562

1. WE CONVEYED SUBSTANCE REFTEL MORN JUL 8 TO DEP
COM GEN MCELHINEY WHO EXPPRESSED APPRECIATION PROMPT
DEPT REPLY.

2. RE PARA 2, REFTEL, MCELHINEY BELIEVES THERE WOULD
BE NO BASIS OBJECTION TO CHANGING "MAY" TO "WILL" TO
MAKE ART II, PARA C OF AGREEMENT READ AS FOLS:
QUOTE UNRWA WILL ALLOCATE FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO THIS
SEPARATE ACCOUNT AND WILL SOLITIC CONTRIIBUTIONS TO IT
FROM OTHER SOURCES. END QUOTE. MCELHINEY WISHES TO
SHOW THIS CHANGE TO COMGEN RENNIE WHEN HE RETURNS
BEIRUT TOMORROW, JUL9.

3. FOR BENEFIT MCELHINEY AND OURSELVES, ALSO REQ
IN MEANTIME DEPT'S CLARIFICATION AND INTERPRETATION OF
ART II, PARA C AS AMENDED IN PARA 2 ABOVE. MCELHINEY
AGREED UNRWA WOULD MAKE CONTRIBUTION TO SPECIAL ACCOUNT
FROM GENERAL BUDGE TIF SPECIAL FUND FELL SHORT OF TOTAL
NEEDS AS WOULD BE CASE IF USG CONTRIBUTION ONLY SOURCE
OF FUNDS. HOWEVER, UNRWA WOULD PREFER SOLICIT FUNDS
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FROM OTHER GOVTS, SUCH AS SWEDEN, FOR SPECIAL FUNDS.

ALTHOUGH IT TOO EARLY TAKE NOTE OF SWEDISH COMMITMENT,
MCELHINEY SAYS SUCH COMMITMENT FIRM AND ASKS IF BY
WORDING OF ART II, PARA C UNRWA ITSELF WOULD BE REQUIRED
TO DEPOSIT FUNDS, ASSUMING THAT ONE OR MORE
GOVTS CONTRIBUTED TO FUND IN SUFFICIENT AMOUNT TO COVER
FULL COSTS OF EMERGENCY PROGRAM FOR ELEMENTARY EDUCATION.
WE TOLD HIM OUR FIRST REACTION TO QUESTION WAS NEGATIVE
AND THAT INFUSION ADDITIONAL FUNDS EITHER BY ANOTHER
GOVT OR UNRWA WOULD SEEM SUFFICIENT TO MEET USG LEGAL
REQUIREMENTS, BUT THAT POINT NOW IS THAT AGREEMENT INCLUDE
FIRM COMMITMENT RATHER THAN POSSIBILITY (IMPLIED
BY USE WORD "MAY") THAT ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM SOME NON-US
SOURCE WILL BE FORTHCOMING FOR EMERGENCY PROGRAM PLEASE ADVISE.
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